

Jacksonville, Fla.
Sept. 6, 1886

Prof. A. Gray;
Dear Sir -

I send by mail herewith
a pkg. of plants which I hope you and Mr.
Watson can determine pretty soon as I am
in need of their names - at least of some -
Of course I know many of them with reasonable
certainty but put them in for your perusal.

I am especially anxious to know the names
of H H & G G as I have sent to the printer MS.
of a little work on the Flora of the Florida Keys,
including cultivated plants & these are conspicuous
trees in Key West. I guess that G G = *Myrodia turbinata*
& that H H = *Sapota elongata* - Its fruit is dark yellow,
about 2' long & half so thick & has, if I remember right,
a single ~~stone~~ seed. Its name in K. West is pronounced
T-S' - There are two very interesting shrubs in Key
West which I wish I knew by name, but I have
no specimens. One is a sort of hedge plant with ^{small} trifol-
iate leaves & small fruit & evidently is allied to Citrus.
The other has dense foliage like *Catesbaea*, white

plum-like fruits & creamy flowers with tubes many inches in length - You must know both of them.

I searched in vain for fruit of that glaucous *Asimina* which is so abundant in Hillsborough, Sumter, Orange, Highlands, Manatee & Monroe Cos. In June I brought home some to mail to you but they got withered & I threw them away - no material difference in fr. I think - more in mode of branching - the stems grow 3-4 ft. long & send off a great many short, ^{rigid} side-branches - the other sp. have few & slender branches -

That matter of Vanilla in So. Fla. is surely a mistake - The plant I found is undoubtedly the anomalous or nameless (flowerless) plant mentioned by Egger under Araceae - The islanders know it well in the Bahamas.

The *Terminalia catappa* grows on the Keys only when planted! *Cereus monoclonus* (so determined by Engelman & distributed by me) is a slender sp. found mostly on the E. coast. The giant cactus of Key West is quite different

It is of tree-like growth & has greenish flowers
not more than 2' long - I can probably send
you a pressed spec. of fl. & photo. of plant.
As to localities of plants sent

A-B-D-E-F-G-H-I-L-R-S-T- } Ballast east
U-V-W-X-Y-AA-BB-CC-+FF- } Pensacola wharf
July 31

Q-P-DD-+EE - Walton Co. N.W. Fla. - Aug. 3

C-M-N-Z - Hillsborough Co. W. coast - Aug. 28

K - Columbia Co. N. Central Fla. - July 15

L - Spontaneous in flower garden at home Sept. 1

Sorry I am out of printed labels, but you
will not wish to keep all the specs. sent -

Yours truly

A. A. Curtis

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P.S. - The numbered specimens are represent-
sets sent me by Reichenow two years ago -
I paid him for them with the understanding
that he had sent copy for labels to Patterson.
But I have never obtained the names though
I have demanded them of him repeatedly.
Finally I wrote to Reichenow that unless
he sent me the names at once I should
consider that he withheld them intentionally;
that, having commenced a distribution of his
own he wish to cripple me by this petty
piece of malice - More than a month
has passed without a reply! I would like
to know if he has distributed any of these sps.
- your letter must show! His letters & picture
prove him to be a very small-minded person
but I shall be sorry to believe him a rascal.

A.H.C.